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In re Application of :
Masaki Higurashi, et al. :
Application No. 08/964,180 :
Filed: November 4, 1997 :
Attorney Docket No. 970668/LH :

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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 18, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed July 3, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A two month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 4, 2001.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. If the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement contained in the instant petition is being construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) and petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a continued prosecution application (CPA) filed on January 18, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Cheryl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Sherry Brinkley at (703)305-9220.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2600, Art Unit 2612.

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